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A home of their own

When Ralph and Marie Retherford moved to Carmel Valley, they decided the home they lived in would be entirely their own. Living originally in primitive surroundings with only cold running water and no electricity, the young couple trained in the medical professions built a home to suit their tastes board by board. **For more, see page 3.**

around the valley

By JEANELLE KAMINSKE

The Valley is brimming with interesting people, your neighbors, who you may not have met yet. Since we enjoy being a "small town," this space will be used occasionally to acquaint you with some folks who can become good friends of yours.

You probably know **Ed Armstrong** at the stamp counter at the post office. He's the one with the soft Southern drawl and relaxed "cool" typical of many Southern gentlemen. And you've probably enjoyed some chuckles from his cartoons propped just above the stamp drawer.

Actually, Ed's first love was music, and he's reputed to have lips just made for good Dixieland jazz horns. Here's how he tells it:

"Years ago back in Texas, I used to have a little music group and we would drive over to various towns to play for dances. My wife, Oleta, and I would think up amusing gag lines as we drove. She's really good at it.

"We went on a trip to California, and as we saw various road signs, such as "Slow-Work Ahead," we passed the time by making kind of a game out of thinking up funny signs. For example, there'd be a sign that said, "Road work," then "Pavement Ends," then "Narrow one-way bridge ahead," and then just as you'd get to the top of a hill, on the other side would be a sign that said "And May God Have Mercy on Your Soul."

Cartoonist Ed Armstrong and his wife Oleta.

"So we started sending a a few gag lines to cartoonists, sort of selling ideas to them, you know. One thing led to another and I was soon trying to draw a picture to go with my wife's gag lines. I went to the library and studied some books on drawing and found it wasn't as easy as it looked, but I kept at it.

"They were really terrible, but I'd send them in to various markets and they'd send them back with suggestions, and I kept trying until I began to kept trying until I began to sell a few. A former school chum who'd become a successful cartoonist in Lubbock filled me in on the technical help I needed.

"But it was success that really stopped my cartooning career. There was this one market who just wouldn't take anything I sent in. They made it plain that they'd be just as happy if they never saw any more of my work, and other publishers were happy with the work and paying quite well. So I was determined to get good enough to have some cartoons accepted by that company.

"That determination to succeed is what kept me grinding away at the drawing board. Finally, they bought one. That success was the goal I had wanted to reach, so that was the end of the cartooning career.

"These you see here at the post office are some old ones we found in the bottom of a drawer at home." Oleta confides that in the past few years Ed has become a "Sunday painter" and won several awards.

Though Ed may have lost some interest in being a successful cartoonist, he still loves music, so if you were ever in a little jazz group, you have a fellow afficianado at the Carmel Valley Post Office.

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PE requirement changed

The school board approved a change in physical education requirements for juniors and seniors at Carmel High and heard a report from Superintendent Harris Taylor that the high school facility isn't adequate to handle current or projected enrollment.

At its first meeting in January the board adopted a temporary policy allowing juniors and seniors at CHS to take physical education in two of their last four semesters of schooling. Previously, physical education was mandatory during all four years at the high school level. The policy will be reviewed at the end of the current term and either made permanent or revised prior to the next school year.

Superintendent Taylor reported to the board on the status of the high school facility, indicating the physical plant is currently suffering from over enrollment. Taylor said the school can handle a maximum student load of 1,000 and currently has 1,150 with a projection for next year of 1,190 students.

"That is not a good instructional atmosphere," said Taylor. "We really ought to have additional housing on that campus." He told the board that information on rental prices for temporary units would be presented at the next meeting scheduled for Jan. 28.

Board member Richard Wilsdon added that in 1968 architect Fred Keeble reported to the board an optimum enrollment at the high school of 800 with an absolute maximum of 1,000.

Frances Gaver, president of the board, said, "We'll have to make some sort of decision within the next few months on a short term basis at least for next year."

In other action the board:
—accepted the 1974-75 financial audit of the district, noting the district received a clean bill of health.
—approved the addition of two English courses to the high school curriculum.
—authorized the advertising for bids on district supplies.
—heard a sabbatical leave report from Diana Hardy, high school drama instructor. Miss Hardy traveled to districts in the United States and England examining theatre arts programs.
—accepted the resignations of Jeffrey Goodwill, formerly media specialist at Middle School and Millie Doyle, formerly a clerical employee at the high school.

Cooper retires

Paul E. Cooper of Carmel Valley is one of four Naval Postgraduate School civilian employes to retire recently from federal government careers.

A professor of electronics in the NPS electrical engineering department, Cooper retires with over 31 years of federal service.

Cooper served with the Navy in World War II, taught electronics at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and joined the NPS faculty in 1951.

Others retiring recently included Frank L. Martin, professor of meterology, George Markmann, a warehouseman, and Harold M. Herreman, a physicist.

Flammini fires

Army Specialist Five Chester J. Flammini, 24, son of Mrs. Juanita Halfertz of Carmel Valley, recently fired expert with the M-16 rifle at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

The expert rating is the highest mark a soldier can achieve on his rifle qualification test.

Spec. Flammini is assigned to the 25th Infantry Division's 25th Military Intelligence Company.

He entered the Army in December 1969 and served in Vietnam. He holds the Army Commendation Medal and the Air Medal.

Spec. Flammini, whose wife, Hwa Sun, is with him in Hawaii, arrived in Hawaii last April.

Gymnast qualifies

Carmel Valley gymnast Anne Gibbons, 14, has qualified for the 1976 district championships at Soquel High School on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Miss Gibbons qualified by placing third all-around with a score of 33.80 in the 12-14 age group in zone five, class III championships last weekend at Seaside High.

She took first in floor exercise and fifth in bars. She attends Carmel Middle School and is a member of the Gymnastics Inc. Club of Sand City.

Cypress swim honors

Cypress Swim Club members entered two meets in one to open the 1976 AAU competitive synchronized swimming season at South San Francisco this past weekend, a Novice Age Group Figures Meet and the Pacific AAU Novice Indoor Championships.

Robin Currier and Tina Wald paired to win gold medals in the duet competition, beating out their nearest rivals from Walnut Creek by six points, and leading their teammates into what looks like another successful season for the local award-winning club. The other Cypress entry of Mary Harris and Stacey Hicks won the seventh place ribbons in this event.

Tina Wald placed fourth in figures competition and held the same position in solo routines, while Robin Currier, who had placed eight in figures, jumped two positions in routines to win the sixth place ribbon in that event.

Silver medals were won in the Age Group Figures Meet by Eunice LaMica in the 11-12 age group and by Mary Harris in the 13-14 age group. Stacey Hicks took the sixth place ribbon in 13-14.

The five-girl team of Tone Grinde, Brenda LaMica, Holly Pease, Adrienne Wald, and Jane Wells, whose average age is nine, won the fourth place ribbons in the team competition even though this event is not divided by age group. Swimming against older and larger teams, they placed fourth out of the nine teams entered.

With 162 swimmers from nine Pacific AAU clubs entered in the compulsory figures portion of the PAAU Novice Champoinships, Cypress placements were: Tina Wald (4th), Robin Currier (8th), Mary Harris (20th), Suzy Hermanson (21st), y Hicks (26th), Jane Wells (48th), Brenda LaMica (68th), Holly Pease (69th), Adrienne Wald (81st), and Tone Grinde (82nd).

In the Novice Age Group Figures Meet, Cypress placements were as follows: (10 and under) Brenda LaMica, 9th; Holly Pease, 10th; and Tone Grinde, 18th; (11-12) Eunice LaMica, 2nd; and Adrienne Wald, 40th; (13-14) Mary Harris, 2nd; and Stacey Hicks, 6th.

Retherfords build home on wish and prayer

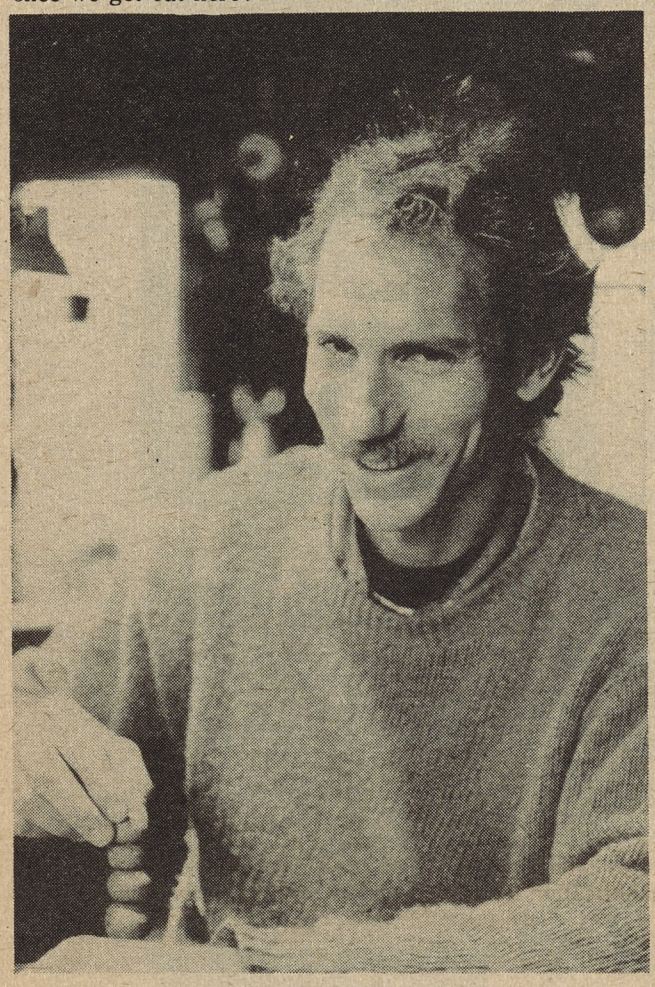
By GINNY SMITH

Two and one half years ago, Ralph and Marie Retherford rented out their home in New England, packed everything they owned in a trailer and headed for California. On their way through Oregon, near the end of their trip, Ralph suddenly asked, "What are we going to do once we get out here?"

Marie thought a minute then said, "Let's build a house!"

They did, in Carmel Valley. It is unique, a pole house, built almost entirely with their own hands and own creativity. Its windows are shaped in ovals, circles and arcs. Some of them are intricate stained glass. All of them offer open, expansive views of hills, trees and sky.

The wood of the walls runs diagonally instead of horizontally. And the floor plan, with its comfortable window seats and assorted nooks and crannies is **hardly** conventional.



RALPH RETHERFORD

"We wanted to build something that was visually beautiful," says Ralph, looking out the huge arc window that makes up half of the bedroom wall. This arc, which starts upstairs in the bedroom, expands and continues down through the dining room, on the first floor. "Angles are beautiful," he says.

Neither Ralph or Marie had ever built a house before. "We had remodeled houses," says Ralph, "but never built one."

Their enthusiasm made up for their lack of experience, however. Within a month of the time they arrived on the peninsula, they bought their lot in Carmel Valley off Garzas Road. "When we found the land, it was totally overgrown," says Marie.

They moved into a 12-foot trailer on the property, submitted their house plans for approval and began clearing away the underbrush and trees. "At first we only had a hose coming up from the neighbor's house," says Marie, "and there was no electricity for at least a year."

Their first addition to the property was a sauna, built completely with hand tools because there was no power. This, along with an outdoor, cold hose shower, was their only way to keep clean until the bathroom in their house was completed.

Their next project was to get poles and lumber to build the house. A company in Stockton sold them six poles, each approximately 40 feet long. Cost included delivery, but there was one catch: the truck could only get in to the bottom of their hill. Undaunted, the Retherfords tied chains around the poles and dragged them up to their house site.

"We figured that if we got lumber out of town we could save some money," says Ralph. They drove to Reno and rented a trailer. In a small town near Truckee they bought a truckload of rough white fir, loaded it in their trailer, and towed it back to Carmel. Here, they had the lumber surfaced on one side, and tongue-and-grooved.

It was September, one year from when they had bought their lot. They were ready to start building.

While Ralph and Marie were waiting for the OK on their building plans and were clearing their lot, they both held down full-time jobs, Ralph as a doctor and Marie as a nurse. When they were finally ready to start building, they cut their hours back to part-time, and devoted most of their days to their carpentry endeavor.

Ralph and Marie soon discovered that their lot was in one of the rockiest parts of the valley. Holes for the poles — which had to be six feet deep — were dug by hand; power tools would not penetrate the stone.

In a pole house, the poles serve as the entire foundation. Wide beams connecting with the poles support the ceiling and floor. Once the poles were sunk, the Retherfords started building the floors, the walls and the roof.

MARIE RETHERFORD

"We finished the roof one hour before the first winter rain," remembers Ralph. Both of them agree that it was cold, discouraging work at times, as they hammered and nailed, rain or shine.

"After we got the walls up and the windows cut — but before we had glass — we had to cover the window openings with plastic or the rain just poured in," says Marie.

Cutting the windows took great talent in itself, for Ralph and Marie visualized oval, circular and arcing panes. "The arcs took a steady hand and eye to cut," smiles Ralph.

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What is sanitary district future?

By DAVID COLE

Only on rare occasions in the past has the Carmel Sanitary District's Board of Directors had a member even remotely connected with sanitary engineering.

The present board is lucky enough to have a sanitarian on it, but the occupations of the other four members are architect, engineer, retired professor, and housewife.

"I don't think a sanitary expert is required for the board," says board member Jim Pruitt, architect. "We're acting more as businessmen than experts."

Newly elected board member Charlotte Hurst agrees. "How do you go about selecting a doctor?" she asks. "You don't have to have a degree in medicine."

Hurst and Pruitt agree that managing the sanitary district is largely a matter of common sense. They don't worry about their lack of expert knowledge because they think they have an excellent district staff, as well as engineer David Kennedy to lean on.

Actually, until fairly recently, the sanitary board was lucky to get anyone to be on it at all. Pruitt, who has been on the board for 22 years now, was only elected once. All the other times, he was appointed because there was no one ready to compete for his place in an election.

The most recent board election showed that interest in the sanitary board is increasing. Hurst, Ken McGinnis (retired educator) and Ted Weller (sanitarian) were elected from a field of eight candidates. The board found the turn-out encouraging, especially since the Walker Tract Annexation was the only other item on the November ballot.

Public interest in the sanitary district is just what board members are looking for.

"It's hard to work in a vacuum," says Hurst. "We need ideas and input."

Hurst feels that people who are concerned about local issues generally, are concerned about the sanitary district, but she would like to see more of the public come to the board's meetings on the second Monday evening of every month.

Board chairman Don Kirk, an engineer who teaches at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, feels that the public was pretty quiet about the ASBS and that bothers him.

"Just the other night I was thinking what I should do about a one million dollar project here, and one there," Kirk relates. "Then I suddenly realized what a lot of public money that is for five board members to decide on alone."

Kirk intends to develop procedures to encourage public input for the board meetings. He would like to streamline the meetings and make the agendas more complete so the audience can understand what's being discussed.

Hurst would like to help spread the word about what's going on in the sanitary district by getting groups to come down and take tours of the plant. She's also more than happy to speak anywhere, to any group, about the decisions facing the district.

But the public isn't the only thing the district wants to get to their meetings. They are also working on getting communication between themselves and other government agencies. Sid Brooks, Manager of the Monterey Peninsula Water Pollution Control Agency, is coming to speak at the board's February meeting.

Board members feel there is such a proliferation of government agencies that have dealings with sanitary matters that they had better establish some kind of working relationship with them.

Hurst and McGinnis have already had lunch with Walter Wong, head of the county health department, on which so many of the district's future options depend. But there are many other agencies, both here and in Sacramento, the board has to deal with.

Weller, who travels all over the state in his job as a sanitarian, does have some dealings with the State Water Resources Control Board in Sacramento, but Kirk would like to go up to Sacramento himself, possibly with one or two new board members to meet and discuss things with the board that declared Carmel Bay an ASBS.

In the past, boards have displayed little coordination with other agencies — partly because it wasn't as necessary as it is now — and in fact some past boards have been criticized for the lack of coordination between their own members.

The new board has roughly the same idealogical make-up it had before the election. Hurst and McGinnis, both of whom are in favor of the ASBS designation, replace Herman Schull and Earl Moser who also favored it.

To state it over-simply, the top priority of Kirk, Hurst and McGinnis is conservation of natural resources, whereas Weller and Pruitt hold efficient, economical sewage treatment as being of top importance.

These two priorities are by no means mutually exclusive, however, and to pair a board member with a priority does not mean that the member lacks interest in the priorities of other members.

But basically, Kirk, Hurst and McGinnis are in favor of the ASBS designation, both because of the possibility of some long-range danger to the bay that could be caused by pollution, and because of the opportunity it gives the district to plan for the future and set up wastewater reclamation.

Weller and Pruitt resent the state's order and would rather go about developing the district without a cloud hanging over them. Weller and Pruitt would both like to see some kind of reclamation, but feel the district will move ahead on its own as it has in the past. They fear that the ASBS order will force them to move recklessly.

The issue over whether to sue the state to show cause for the ASBS is scheduled to be settled by a vote at the February district meeting, and the vote appears to be 3-2 against the measure, proposed by Weller and Pruitt in the January meeting.

At the January monthly meeting of the

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Century plus

Many happy returns of the day to Mrs. Freda Heymann whose birthday on Jan. 11 marked a century of natal milestones, plus one.

Many friends dropped by the Live Oak Lane residence of her daughter, Mrs. Hertha Gerlitz with whom she makes her home, to share cookies and coffee with the 101 year old celebrant. Mrs. Heymann, blessed with good health and able to get around in a walker, is still an avid reader. Another daughter, Mrs. Stella Meyer is a resident at RSVP.

Puppy field day

From sun drenched Carmel Valley to the cold fog of Antioch at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds was a new experience for Boronda 4-H puppy raisers, Kim Neill and Tricia Collins and their golden retriever Guide Dog puppy candidates, Isaiah and Lloyd, where they were participants in the 4-H Guide Dog Puppy Field Day.

The eight month old puppies were accompanied by "old campaigners," Skye and Reona, last year's 4-H projects for Kathy Collins and Emily White. Skye, a golden retriever, and Reona, a German shepherd, had to be dropped from the school's training program in San Rafael last fall, and this was the first field day for them as privately owned pets.

Separate classes are held at each field day for puppy candidates according to age and the number of dogs already raised by a puppy raiser, breeders (i.e. studs or bitches retained by Guide Dogs for the Blind as part of their breeding program that continue to live in the homes of the 4-H'ers who raised them) and dogs that have been rejected by the school. Breeders and rejects are judged in a Novice Y class by AKC standards.

The purpose of field days is to provide an obstacle course for puppies and handlers to go through involving everyday situations that the dog might be asked to deal with such as going up stairs, over bridges, grates, and different footing surfaces, past strange animals, and noisy garbage cans, meeting people in uniform, or children playing games or having a picnic, getting in and out of a car or van, and submitting peacefully to a veterinarian check. Judges are stationed at each obstacle and score each puppy and handler on their reactions to the obstacle and add helpful written comments whenever possible.

Some obstacles are not the type to be found in the average neighborhood, such as a vacumn cleaner blowing air onto ballons attached to wooden blocks, or climbing into a row boat, but they are useful because they demonstrate the puppy's willingness to go wherever the handler asks him to without fear or hesitation.

In addition to the obstacle course, field days provide an excellent exposure situation with crowds, noise, confusion, loud speakers, and applause, and 100 or more dogs present in the same building or outdoor area. Even with this many dogs brought together, so superior is the Guide Dog puppy temperment, socialization, and training, it is unusual to hear even so much as a snarl, much less barking.

Most 4-H judging is done according to the Danish system which accords all superior performances or projects the top award which can be either gold or blue. At the field day, the top award was blue and both Tricia with Lloyd and Kim with Isaiah received blues. An additional bonus for Kim was the presence of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David James of Almo, who were able to join her mother, Mrs. Clayton B. Neill Jr. and sister, Tina, in watching her work her dog to a blue ribbon performance.

Kathy Collins and Skye received a blue and Emily White with Reona a red in their initial show with AKC obedience regulations.

One of the questions most often asked a puppy raiser is "How can you stand to give up your dog after raising him for almost a year?" Mrs. A.A. Collins, 4-H Dog Project leader, found the following poem in the December issue of "Guide Dog News" written and dedicated to her German Shepherd, Simba, by a young blind woman.

SIMBA

I cannot see the beauty of a tree
For I must walk in darkness through the day
But never call me blind. The blind are they
Who grope with halting steps,
While I am free to walk with confidence
For liberty and joyful independence came my way
Brought by a four-legged friend who asks no pay but love,
And gladly lends his eyes to me.
No longer must I wait for helping hands,
So kindly offered.
But so often veiled with pity which is very like a chain
But now the dog has broken through
The bonds which blindness forged,
And hope — which almost failed —
Returns and I begin to live again.

Mink reunion

The first time the entire clan had been together in 16 years was a happy occasion for Sage Road residents, Lyde and Lee Mink and children, Jeff, Jenny, Jill, and Jody who spent two weeks with family members at Tahoe. Arriving from Lakeview, Ark., were Lee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon B. Mink Sr.; Lee's brother, Ron, of Lakeland, Fla., who opened his vacation home at Incline Village where he was joined by his children, Ron Jr. and Marsha of Houston, Tex.; and Lee's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiles and children, Jeff, Kimmie, and Susie of La Selva Beach.

West Va. holiday

Returning home last week from West Virginia were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cook and daughter, Tracy, of Via La Gitana. The Valley-ites drove to Morgantown where they were entertained by Karen's parents, her sister and brother and their families, and by Gerald's parents, his three brothers and their families and his sister and family who arrived from Indiana.

During their stay, Tracy was honored with a surprise ninth birthday celebration highlighted by Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy birthday cakes baked by her maternal grandmother.

Rapid recovery

A rapid recovery is wished for Miss Esther Trevino who underwent eye surgery last week at Monterey Hospital. Miss Trevino is presently recuperating at the El Portrero Road home of her brother and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. S.N. Trevino.

Tahoe vacation

Home from a week on the ski slopes at Tahoe are Mr. and Mrs. William Farr of the Double H Ranch. Sarah had skiied before, so with her it was just a matter of reclaiming her "ski-legs." It was a first time experience for Bill, who proved his ability to ride any maverick was transferrable to the ski runs. In fact, he mastered the challenge of the new sport so completely that they extended their stay to take advantage of a new fall of snow. The Farrs also enjoyed the shows at South Shore including country western singer, Dolly Parton and the Doug Kershoff show.

Pancake breakfast

Mark your calendar now for Sunday, Feb. 1st, the date set for the Annual Pancake Breakfast at Our lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.

Sponsored by the social committee of the church, the event is open to the public according to Ray Lucido, chairman, who announced that serving hours in the Parish Hall will be between 10 a.m. and noon. Tickets may be purchased at the door for a $1 donation per adult and 75 cents for each child under 14.

Half price sale

Bargain seekers won't want to miss the half price sale scheduled at the Carmel Valley Community Chapel Thrift Shop from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 27 and 29 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 31. Every item on display will be sold for half price marked on the ticket, according to the volunteer staff. There is a large selection of household goods, books, records, and quantities of men's, women's and children's clothing. All proceeds go to support chapel projects.

Bridge - canasta

Bridge and canasta will be featured at the annual card party at the CV Community Center, Wednesday, Feb. 4 under the auspicies of the Carmel Valley Women's Club. The event, which will benefit Valley charities, will welcome all local women as guests and will provide an opportunity to get acquainted.

The luncheon menu includes baked ham, scalloped potatoes, molded salad, tossed salad, dessert and beverage. The affair will begin at 12:30.

The donation will be $3.50 a person and all interested women are asked to call Francis Anthony, 659-2034 or Shirley Biggins at 375-7967 for reservations. Guests and members are urged to make up their tables or partners will be coordinated by the committee. If anyone wishing to attend does not play cards, they are invited to the luncheon only by making their reservations with Nellie Mirani by Jan. 31.

Table prizes will be awarded as will special raffle prizes. New comers as well as long time Valley residents are invited to support this party under the chairmanship of Mrs. Connie Riordan.

Call for costumes

A call from Powdy, the clown, who has been clowning around with the resident-patients at RSVP who are members of the RSVP Wheels Theater Group, requesting contributions of OVERSIZED shirts, pants and stockings to be used for costumes by the troop who will appear on February 4th as a part of the 35th birthday celebration of the USO. Donations will be gratefully accepted at Rippling River.

A comedy workshop for youngsters is scheduled to begin at RSVP on February 3. The eight weeks of instruction will be held between 3:30 and 5 and interested parents may leave their numbers at RSVP for Paul Evertsberg to call them and explain the program, tuition, and possibility of an alternate date.

Rod Holmgren elected Ventana chairperson

Rod Holmgren of Carmel has been elected chairperson by the executive committee of Ventana Chapter, Sierra Club.

Joyce Stevens of Carmel, was reelected vice-chairperson, and Jean Bleick of Pebble Beach, was chosen to be secretary-treasurer for a second year.

Newly elected to the executive group were David Bockman of the chapter's Santa Cruz group; Nancy Hopkins of Carmel and Holmgren. Holdovers on the committee, in addition to Stevens and Bleick, are Dr. Betty Davis, Rudd Crawford, Verne Sidnam and Richard Little.

Holmgren announced names of new chairpersons including: Carl Larson, Monterey, conservation committee; Annalies Rawlings, Monterey, membership; Merrill Jones, Pebble Beach, outings; Betty Hughes, Monterey, observers; Nancy Hopkins, Carmel, volunteers; Kay Hendry, Monterey, telephone tree; Jane Figen, Monterey, mailing; Arthur Haseltine, Carmel Valley, youth group; Katharine Wilson, Carmel Valley, circulation; David Bockman, Elkhorn Slough task force; and Henry Gerdes, Pacific Grove, conservation education.

Continuing as chairpersons are Kenneth Wood, Carmel Meadows, coastal committee; Dr. Davis, water task force; Joyce Stevens, Speakers; Roy Anderson, Salinas, wilderness; Norman McBride, Carmel, climbing; Richard Little, legal; and Mary Anne Matthews, Ventana editor.

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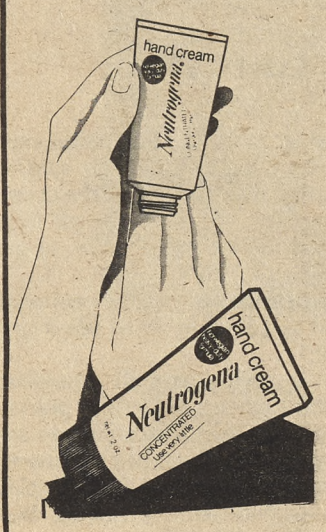

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Thornton rites

Contributions to the memory of Daniel Thornton, former governor of Colorado and a resident of Carmel Valley, who died Sunday, have been suggested to the Eisenhower Medical Center in Palm Desert, the American Cancer Society, or the 4-H Foundation, care of Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colo.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated Wednesday evening at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Denver and burial at the Thornton ranch in Gunnison, Colo., was planned for today.

Project Survival

"Sooner or Later It's Got to be Solar Energy" will be the program presented by Dr. Otto Heinz at the Monterey Public Library at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Dr. Heinz, a professor and former head of the physics department at the Naval Postgraduate School, focuses attention on a possible solution to the problem of thermal pollution in an increasingly industrialized society through increased use of solar energy. The public is invited to attend without charge.

The program is part of a series of presentations on nuclear power and its alternatives sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula Chapter of Project Survival, a grassroots organization working in support of the Nuclear Safeguards Initiative which will be voted on in June.

Gem group

The Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society will join the Monterey Bay Mineral Society of Salinas on a field trip to Anderson Dam, Morgan Hill, on Saturday, January 24th, to collect magnesite. Meet at the dam parking lot at 9 a.m.

More Retherfords

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"He'd just grab the chainsaw and start cutting," states Marie.

Although Ralph and Marie enjoy the irregularity of their floor plan and windows, they admit that the curves and odd shapes created a lot of wasted lumber.

"Now we're heating our house with the leftovers," says Ralph, pointing to the pot-bellied stove in their dining room.

The wood that makes up the walls was placed on a diagonal axis, adding an artistic, as well as strengthening touch. "Diagonal wood is stronger," says Ralph. But what he likes most about the diagonal approach is that it looks good.

During the process of creating their house, Ralph and Marie took photographs of each stage. "At times it seemed like progress was so slow," says Marie. "But looking back, we really were getting somewhere!"

One picture shows Ralph, puzzling over a plumbing problem. "The plumbing I figured out all on my own," says Ralph. "Plumbers come and look at it and just shake their heads. It's rather unconventional."

When Ralph ran into problems that he didn't know how to solve, he sought advice from his friends. Sometimes they could help, but often the things he wanted to do had not been tried by anyone he knew. During the nine months they were building, Ralph figured out his own ways to do many things.

"So many things just happened as we went along," says Marie. As they started on one side of the house and worked their way around to the other sides, plans were adapted and changed. After they had finished the wall by the living room door, they decided that they wanted another window there. So Ralph and his famous chainsaw started cutting.

According to the Retherfords, their pole house is an economical and very stable construction. "Many houses with foundations on the ground are brittle, and will fall apart under stress," says Ralph. A pole house, he says, has more give; it can sway a little under tension.

One problem with pole houses is that if the floor plan is not laid out well, the poles come up in the middle of rooms, causing great inconvenience. The Retherfords, however, carefully planned the location of the six poles that support their home; they are in corners, or by the staircase. The poles are an aesthetic attraction, not an annoyance.

In June 1975, Ralph and Marie's dream house was completed. They knew by heart every board and every pipe; and they had learned much about the joys and tribulations of constructing a house.

"There are many parts of building a house that are creative, but there are others that are pure drudgery," says Ralph.

"For example, staining the beams," says Marie. The beams were not stained before they were put up, and Marie spent many hours on a wobbly ladder, paint brush in hand, Michelangelo-style.

In the months since they evacuated their tiny trailer and moved into their pole house, they have settled into the life of the Valley, and have begun planning for the future. They are expecting a baby in April, and Ralph hopes to open a woodwork business in the next few months, selling furniture he will make. Although he is licensed to practice medicine, Ralph says he is "taking a breather" from medicine.

"I want to see if I can get more satisfaction doing other things," he says.

More sanitary district

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sanitary district, where the issue of litigation against the state was brought up, several members of the audience urged that the ASBS ruling be accepted by the board as a settled fact, and that the board move ahead from there as rapidly as possible.

A good possibility exists of them doing just that — the differences between the board members seem far from reconcilable.

The board faces difficult decisions in the years immediately ahead. The complexity of sanitary disposal, public consciousness of pollution, and health considerations, all have increased dramatically from the days when the board met briefly each month.

But there are signs that the board is responding to the changing times. For instance, back in 1969, when the Carmel district entered into an agreement with the Pebble Beach Sanitary District, both parties were retaining the same attorney — Shelborn Robison. Both boards still retain Robison, but the Carmel District has recently recognized the need to involve separate attorneys before signing the revised agreement now being drawn up.

Finally, despite the problems posed by the ASBS, the designation may hold advantages for the district. For one thing, the ASBS order can provide the pressure to act, which is usually only produced by a real crisis.

If, for instance, some kind of ecological damage is attributed to the district's outfall 10 years in the future, the district might be forced into some kind of quick but wasteful solution to the problem.

But in the ASBS, with its extendable deadline and even the possibility of some kind of exemption, the district is faced with a kind of flexible, artificial crisis that has the potential of producing a long-range solution to Carmel's waste disposal problems.

Clean sweep for Padres

By ART BLACK, JR.

The Padre basketball teams made clean sweeps in Santa Cruz against Marello Prep and in Carmel against Palma last week. The varsity contests were both cliffhangers as the Padres defeated Marello 42-41 and Palma 40-36. The junior varsity defeated Marello 62-54 and Palma 56-36 in a game cut short by 24 seconds. The Padre frosh ran over Marello 48-23 and defeated Palma 46-25.

The varsity led by one point at halftime against Marello, and the game was kept close in the second half. With 32 seconds remaining on the clock, Carmel's Thane Taylor hit a free throw to tie the score at 41-41, but missed the second shot on the one-and-one opportunity. Marello snagged the rebound and called time out. When play resumed, Marello was called for failing to inbound the ball within five seconds, and Carmel was given possession of the ball under their own basket. Padre guard Tony Spear found a clear shot but was fouled in the act of shooting, giving him two free throws. His first attempt missed, but the second found the mark to give Carmel a 42-41 margin. With eight seconds remaining, Marello called another time out, and when play resumed, the Panthers dribbled the length of the court and attempted a 10-foot jump shot which failed. A tip also failed as the buzzer sounded.

Carmel's free throw percentage against Marello was 6-for-13 — 46 per cent from the charity line. That performance from the free throw line almost lost the game for Carmel. Gratifying for Carmel fans was the even attack of the Padres — no one player dominated the scoring. Bob Pollard was high point man for Carmel with 11, followed by Bill Colohan with eight, Thane Taylor with seven, Les Welge with six, Tony Spear with five, Dan Sturges with four, and Mo Lawitzke with one point.

As the free throw performance was almost the cause of a Padre loss to Marello, it saved the game against Palma. In a game that was tied at the half 22-22, Carmel was outscored from the floor 34-26, but shot 14-for-22 from the charity line for a healthy 64 per cent. Bob Pollard was high point man for the Padres with 11, with Bill Colohan adding nine points. Thane Taylor had the best performance from the free throw line with a perfect 4-for-4 mark.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Carmel's junior varsity, the only Padre team with a perfect league record so far, continued last week to play a very safe brand of basketball, gaining a lead and playing the reserves as much as possible. In Santa Cruz, Carmel led Marello by 10 at halftime, and the bench played most of the second half, holding their own against the Panthers starters. Coming off the bench for his first start of the season, Doug Weller played an impressive game, and shattered his four-points per-game average by scoring 17 points. He started against Palma, too, and scored seven points, but the big improvement in the team by starting Weller has been on the rebounds. John Frincke was high point man for Carmel against Marello with 18, and against Palma with 14.

Carmel led by only 4 points at the half against Palma — a team which Coach Jason Harbert considers one of their chief opponents this season. "I was really proud of the kids in the fourth quarter," said Harbert after the game. "They really hung tough! John (Frincke) and Weller and Lucido really played good defense against Palma's man-to-man. Tom (Frincke) did a good job on No. 3 (Palma's Lesko) — their best kid. Weller was really good on the boards, both offensively and defensively."

Coach Harbert managed to get all his players into the game in both the Marello and Palma games.

FROSH

The Padre freshmen continued to overwhelm their opponents last week with devastating victories over Marello and Palma. In both games, John "The Gun" Lucido was full of ammo, as he pumped in 17 points in Santa Cruz and 21 against Palma. He is now averaging almost 19 points a game in league. In the Marello game, Carmel led by 11 points at the half, and continued to dominate the game in the second half as Coach Lowell Battcher played his reserves for most of the fourth quarter.

In the game against Palma, Carmel led 19-9 at the half. Palma and Carmel both scored 12 points in the third quarter, but the Padres jumped ahead in the fourth period, outscoring the Chieftan frosh 15-4 for the final 46-25 victory. Playing well at forward is Neil Vandervort, who is averaging almost 12 points a game in league play. Derck Heniford started at center against Marello, and he and Peter Thamer are both doing well in that position. Sina Sotoodeh is effective at forward, averaging 6 points. The only spot in the starting lineup that Coach Battcher has not fixed is that of the second guard, which is still rotating between Mark Robertson, Mark Nottenkamper, Sinclair Thomson and Pat Kelly.

Kiwanis project

The Carmel Valley Kiwanis Club will reinstitute its Monterey pine seedling giveaway with distribution of the bare root plants starting at 11 a.m. at four Valley locations on Feb. 7.

Seedlings for Valley beautification will be available at Village Liquors on Delfino Place, the Mid-Valley Safeway, the Carmel Valley Market and the General Store in the Village.

Mothers'

The Junipero Serra Mothers' Club will hold a Bargain Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, and Sunday, Feb. 1, at Crespi Hall in Carmel.

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Initiative always pays off

By LESLIE JOHNSON

A plucky attitude has always stood Eleanor Coerr in good stead, from her perserverance in getting her first job as a cub reporter to service as a diplomat's wife in Latin America. After living in serveral Oriental countries and touring the world, she brings her vivacious, contagious energy to Carmel Valley.

A prolific author of children's books, Mrs. Coerr's profession as a writer has meant she could always find, or create, a job, wherever she went. "You just have to decide what you have to offer, and then go out and sell yourself," she says.

Mrs. Coerr met with closed doors and cold shoulders when she first tried to get a job with a Canadian newspaper, having dropped out of a pre-pediatric college program. "In the first place, they probably didn't have any openings. In the second place, the editor didn't want any college people — he wanted people he could train to write his way," she says.

"But I really wanted a job with that paper. I'd come up with the idea of cartoons about each day's weather and a more complete report than what the paper was doing then. I figured it would at least be a foot in the door," she explains.

A friend on the paper told her the editor, a creature of habit, always left the paper by the back door at 12:05 for lunch at the hotel across the alley, and always returned at exactly 1:30. If she could sell him her idea between the paper's back door and the hotel's, she might get the job.

"So I staked it out and at 12:05, there he came. I had to talk pretty fast and furious, but I at least told him my idea. He didn't think much of weather cartoons, but liked my initiative, he said. I got the job," she beams.

Although she started out covering the police beat with an experienced reporter, Mrs. Coerr gained control of the paper's children's page "mostly because no one else wanted it."

With a free rein, she created the Tawasi Club (**tawasi** is an Indian word meaning "friend and helper") for her young readers. They were expected to do good deeds, which gained them entry to free movies and other activities. Mrs. Coerr interviewed at least three a week, printing their pictures and giving them recognition for being good young citizens.

Her interest in expanding the children's horizons led to her first foreign contacts when she began writing weekly stories about children in other lands, an idea she was to reincorporate later when writing abroad.

Then, she explains, "The paper folded, please pardon the pun. The editor had a job in Los Angeles and took several of us with him, but there were no positions for children's writers then." So Mrs. Coerr branched into television, a new, low budget media in 1949.

"I had the big budget of $200 a week to write, produce, direct and star in Toyshop Time! The man who kept the paper moving during my chalk talk made more than I did!" she laughs.

Then came marriage to an Air Force officer, who was sent to Japan at a time when American military dependents were not allowed at Oriental bases. That didn't stop Mrs. Coerr.

Retaining her Canadian citizenship, she gained a travel permit to go to Japan to write a book and correspond for the Ottawa Journal. Taking language lessons from a teacher at the local high school, she lived with a Japanese family for a year, totally adopting their lifestyle as research for her book.

Just doing the research wasn't enough for Mrs. Coerr, though. With the help of her language teacher, she drew and he translated American folk tales into Japanese as a weekly comic strip for the local paper.

Other assignments for her husband meant other writing opportunities for Mrs. Coerr. For eight years she wrote "Little Travelers" for the **Alabama Journal**, syndicating it to such areas as Kingston, Jamaica. Stationed in southeast Asia, she created another column for the **Manila Times.**

In Taiwan, she worked for the USIA, rewriting translations of Chinese material and writing press releases about democracy on Taiwan.

ELEANOR COERR

"It wasn't quite so blatant, of course. If a new hospital opened or construction on some community project began, we'd do a story about it," she explains.

Although living conditions were usually vastly more primitive than stateside, the availability of native workers
American wives had a lot of free time, Mrs. Coerr says.

"Almost everyone had servants, and a lot of the women did nothing but play bridge. But I wanted to do something interesting. I've always believed Americans in foreign lands should get out of the clubs and into the countryside," she says.

"Sometimes it is difficult to make friends with the natives, especially when you are associated with the military. But a little extra effort can usually overcome those barriers and your life becomes so much richer for it," she says.

Her wide experience abroad was a boon to her when she worked for the Voice of America writing radio dramas from American short stories under Edward R. Murrow. "He introduced Wym to me. Wym was serving with the state department in Latin America and suggested that, in addition to producing our special English broadcasts, we provide scripts in the native tongues so listeners in foreign lands could learn faster and better. It was a good idea," she concedes.

Marrying the ambassador to Ecuador was tantamount to becoming a full-time unsalaried employee of the state department, Mrs. Coerr says. "The chauffeur would arrive at 8 a.m. to pick up my husband and hand me my schedule of activities, which would usually take me until 1 a.m. to complete," she says.

Mrs. Coerr says it is practically impossible to prepare an ambassador's wife for the duties she must perform. "Protocol and social duties in foreign countries can be as important to our relations with that country as the official treaties and meetings. It is very easy to slight someone socially, quite unintentionally, and have it affect our whole relationship," she says.

In Quito, there were 45 international embassies, innumerable local agencies, and Americans living in a foreign country to deal with. "We didn't just sit in the embassy and attend coffees and luncheons, either, although it seemed there was a tea every day. We had to visit American projects all over the country, which meant a great deal of travel. Eventually, the government gave us a plane, which cut down on travel time," she says.

Even so, entertaining and visiting were a full-time job with plenty of opportunity for mishap. Mrs. Coerr relates, "I had taken Spanish before going to Ecuador, but I still wasn't very conversant on a household level. Here came the Mexican ambassador and his wife paying a formal call, seated in our receiving room. I instructed the butler, in Spanish, to bring, I thought, some little meat pastries. No response. I asked again. No response. Finally, he brought them."

"It wasn't until months later, when I had become close friends with the ambassador's wife, that she told me I had kept asking him to 'Bring the storeroom,' in-

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feedbag

by lucy smithson

While out riding, we met a tiny neighbor, a horse lover — pint size division. She was wearing a sunsuit and drinking soda pop and was one of the few people in Carmel Valley who wasn't praying for rain. Winter? What's winter? Oh, just something they have someplace else.

"Is that your same horsie?" she asked. "He doesn't look the same. Is that Woe Ox?"

"Yes, this is War Oaks," we replied. "He doesn't look the same because he has a winter coat."

She had last seen the noble horsie in his gleaming summer coat. Sleek and shining, the royal Thoroughbred positively radiates **noblesse oblige**. He disdains the earth and looks down his long nose at humans who are mere creatures of the earth.

Now winter has come and with it loathesome reality. Royal horses must doff the robes of majesty and assume humbler garb. War Oaks has grown hair. Lots of hair. He is hiding his light under several bushels of hair.

Tom and Dick know less about Harry than an Aquarian hairy horse. Fur fills in his outlines. His britches are fringed and the stomach outlined against the light takes on a soft focus halo of hair. On his neck it curls in untidy swaths. His ears disappear into his mane and long hair grows out of them. Goat whiskers. Mink eyelashes. Feathered legs. All wool and a yard wide. For winter, the wooly horse changes his bedtime prayer to "Now, I lay me down to sheep."

With the winter coat comes some special problems. Itchiness, for example. Like Gordo's cat, the horse sheds hair continuously winter and summer. The few hairs which let go each day are not the blizzard of hair that let go in the spring, but a significant quantity nevertheless.

They're significant because the other hairs hang on to them. A stiff wind may groom a horse's summer coat but the winter coat has to be rubbed. If a horse can't roll in the dirt to rub himself, he'll rub on trees, fences which will lean in the winter softened dirt, and he will rub on you.

What rubs off on the horse who spreads himself around? Splinters, for one thing. Wire cuts hidden by long hair. Ringworm fungus, mange or ear mites, whatever is going around. Lice, for instance, seem to be a winter time problem. We don't know where lice go for their summer vacation.

Lice that infest horses are of both the biting and sucking kind. People would like to think that lice are mainly found on poorly fed and neglected horses. Lice often **are** discovered on poorly fed and neglected horses by persons going "tch tch". Lice are frequently undiscovered but also present on well fed horses whose owners think the itchiness is purely due to hair.

The white lice which look like crawling dandruff can be found anywhere on the horse's body but frequently seem to favor the base of the mane or the tailhead. In this way the onset of louse infestation is identical to mange. The horse rubs, bites, and develops bare patches.

Close examination by an experienced louse looker will find the lice and the tiny louse eggs — also white but non crawling — at varying distances along the hair shafts. Mange mites are much harder to see; a veterinarian must make microscopic examination of skin scrapings.

Mange is difficult to diagnose but lice are relatively easy for the experienced horseman to spot. You see one lousy horse, you've seen them all.

When we lived on Jacks' Peak, we heard that horses who live under pine trees in the winter time can expect to get lice. There did seem to be a lot of lousy horses under pine trees there and we have observed several similar cases in Carmel Valley. We've also seen lousy horses who have never been near a pine tree. So we pass along the pine tree theory for what it's worth — which may be exactly nothing.

The same tick and flea powder that works on dogs will kill lice on horses. On warm days such as these, a bath with flea soap may be a good idea. You can buy a special horse shampoo with pyrethins in it. Most of its fancy price goes to the man who did the arithmetic and figured out how much to put in. If you use a pyrethin based fly spray around the barn, you can do your own arithmetic and make your own lousy shampoo out of Ivory Snow or whatever.

The insecticide kills the adult lice but not the eggs. Repeat the treatment once a week for several weeks until all the eggs have hatched.

A horse who wears a horse blanket often, as many do in the winter time, has to be watched for blanket sores. High withered horses are especially apt to abrade the top of the withers where the weight of the blanket rubs. It is important to prevent repeated damage to this area because infection in the bursae which are located there turns into a serious, long lasting condition called fistulous withers.

The horse who wears a halter constantly may develop the identical condition where the halter crosses the back of his neck. In this this position it's called "poll evil".

If a rider isn't careful about tightening up his saddle, long winter hairs can be caught in the rigging. Saddle sores can be caused by the horse's winter coat. Ease the saddle back into position so all the hairs lay flat under it. Check to see that the wrinkled skin behind the elbows is smoothed out before mounting.

In his warm coat, the horse sweats liberally when he is worked. His humans, oddly, prefer to ride during the warm part of the day when they can take off their parkas. The dirt which is harder to brush out of long hair rises with the sweat and forms crusty places inconvenient to brush or wash. More saddle sore material. He might just as well have stuck with burrs. By the way, a wire dog brush removes burrs like magic.

One problem not aggravated by our dry winter is thrush. This bacterial or fungus infection of the frog of the hoof is much encouraged by moist conditions. A horse standing in his own wastes is just asking for it, however. Clean the horse's feet daily and clean where he has to put his feet. If thrush is neglected, it destroys the horn of the frog. It can become serious and get into the navicular joint.

Another problem endemic to long haired horses and wet winters is scratches — what the British call cracked heels. There are cracks but they happen in the hollow of the pastern, not the heel. The cracks, which start as scaling and scabbing, are very painful to the horse and may make him lame, especially if the cracks become infected. Koppertox is a popular remedy for scratches. Keeping the horse's legs dry and coating the pasterns with Vaseline or protective diaper rash ointment is also effective.

Our warm dry winter is so far not much worse than summer for producing thrush or scratches. Our tiny neighbor in the sunsuit has learned to tell the seasons apart like the true native Californian that she is. Winter is when the horses get shaggy. That's how you know it's winter.

More author's active life

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stead of 'Bring the pastries.'" Mrs. Coerr laughs.

One November, the Coerrs wanted to entertain as many Peace Corps volunteers as possible with a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner. Mrs. Coerr ordered turkeys from Panama, which shipped them by Navy plane, and turned them over to her Ecuadorian cook, who assured her she knew how to fix them.

"Came the day and there we were, six tables jammed with Americans eagerly anticipating a bit of home in a foreign land. A procession of waiters entered the dining room, each waiter bearing aloft a silver covered tray. The trays were uncovered with a flourish to reveal, not the plump stuffed turkeys we were expecting, but six flat masses of meat unidentifiable from anything else we might have served. The cook had done a lovely job of deboning those birds," Mrs. Coerr laughs.

Although she had little time for writing during their tour of duty in Ecuador, Mrs. Coerr managed to find an expression of her love for children by creating the first free public library for children in the country.

The Coerrs return to the states has not meant a retirement into private life, however. Mrs. Coerr intends to make writing a full-time job now, concentrating on non-fiction works for children.

In addition to carefully researched and scientifically approved books about animals, particularly endangered species, she plans to introduce the Japanese story of Sadako and the thousand paper cranes to American youth. Sadako, a Japanese heroine, was one of hundreds of Hiroshima youngsters who survived the nuclear attack only to be struck down by leukemia a decade later. Her diary and correspondence during her fatal illness are popular reading for Japanese youth and will make an inspiring example for young Americans, Mrs. Coerr believes.

She also plans to assist her husband's work with the Monitor Consotrium, a cooperative group of several private environmental organizations interested in endangered species and marine mammals.

Working from separate offices at their mid-Valley home, the Coerrs' retirement is sure to be one of the most active locally, with world travel and international associations in the offing.

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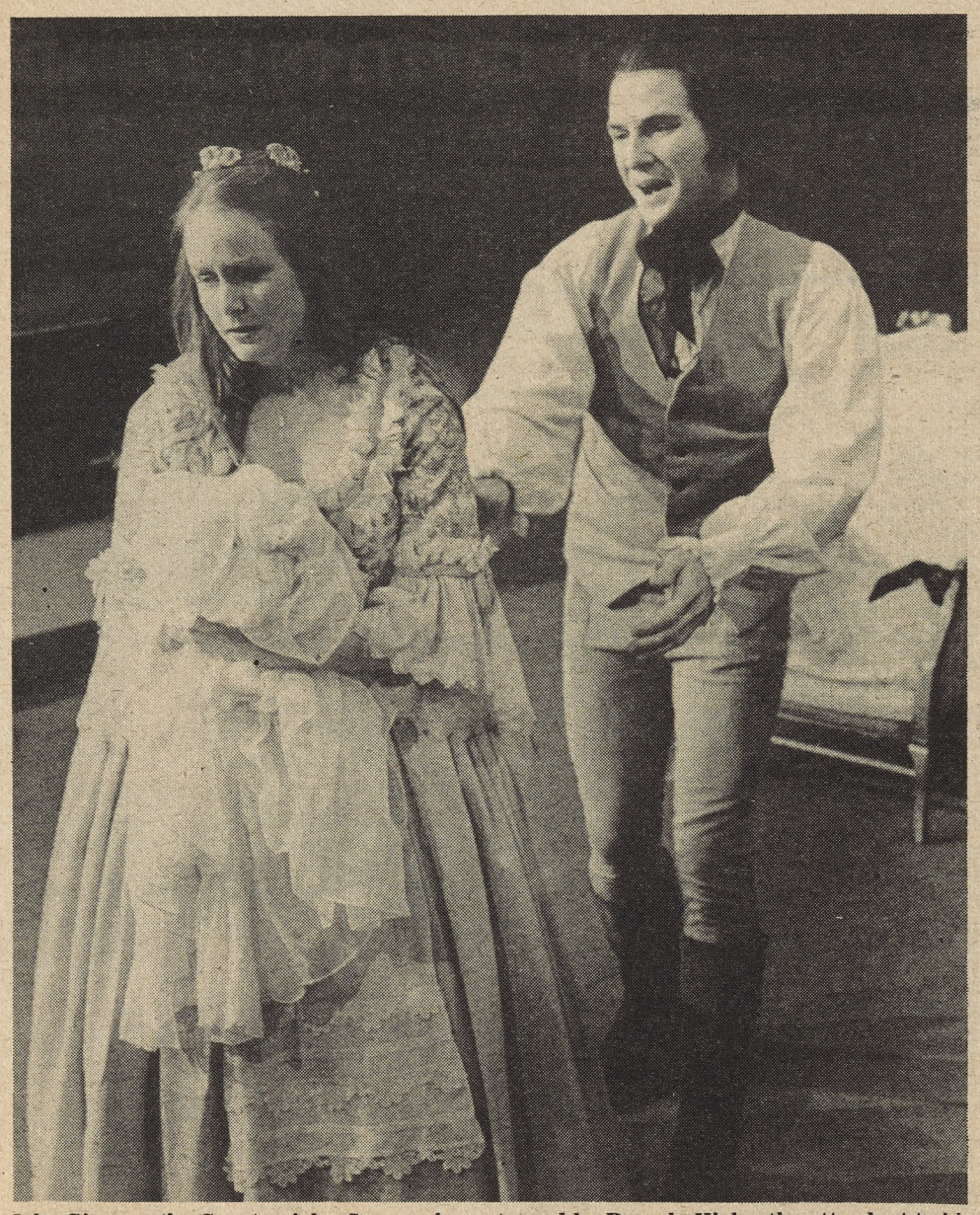

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Cachagua goal set

The Cachagua mini-master plan study group elected Sean Flavin its new chairman Wednesday night upon the resignation from that post but not from the group of Jack Swanson. Rex White was elected new vice-chairman.

The group also adopted a tentative statement of goal for the master plan before proceeding with preliminary discussion of policies to be used by government agencies in making decisions about the plan.

Rod Lambert suggested a goal incorporating consideration for lifestyle, property rights and development in the Cachagua..

The adopted goal is: "We intend for this master plan to reflect and provide for the retention of the rural character of the area while retaining individual rights of property owners and providing for reasonable development of the area consistent with that character."

Monterey County Director of Planning Ed DeMars reminded the group their goal could be changed at any time in the proceedings if they discovered the policies they desired were inconsistent with the stated goal.

Additionally, he said, "This is merely a broad statement of intent. Later policies will zero in on specifics. The situation will become even more narrow when we get to implementation of the plan."

The group then moved to discussion of possible policies to be included in the master plan. A county suggestion of a policy encouraging all development to be of a low overall density through the use of large building sites, clustering and open space came under fire by the committee.

Flavin began, "This should be a more general statement. Saying 'all development' should be low density precludes concentration of commercial areas, which is a policy we may wish to consider later."

Secretary Vickie Scardina said, "This policy is pretty strongly in favor of clustering, but we've got no information about the effects of clustering locally, the pros and cons."

Pete Scardina disagreed with encouraging clustering at all. "If we let the topography determine the population capacity here, we're not really going to have problems. It is financially impractical to build on slopes and much of this land won't support many people," he said. "If we just leave the situation where it is with 10 acre minimum building sites and don't allow clustering, it will discourage people from coming here."

Flavin agreed that the policy was "overstated in relation to clustering." He continued, "The Cachagua area is not ideally suited to clustering, at any rate."

Considering a second county suggestion which would concentrate any commercial or high density residential development to areas where it already exists, Flavin pointed out the committee's decisions would vary depending on their desire to encourage residential development, discourage it or encourage transient trade. DeMars added that this decisions would make a difference in traffic ciruclation, depending on the services provided locally and to transients, eliminating the need to drive into town, or attracting tourists to the area.

Flavin also noted commercial development inevitably affects the value and utilization of adjacent property.

The committee briefly discussed policies which would:

—Encourage lands in agricultural and open space uses to remain so.

—Consider aspects of public health and safety, such as fire protection, nearness of schools or their absence, water supply and quality, sewage disposal, seismic elements.

—Limit development to the existing road capacity.

The committee will consider these and other policies for formal adoption at its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Rex's Bar in Prince's Camp.

They will also consider a suggestion by Mrs. Scardina that a master plan questionnaire detailing needed information about property characteristtics, water supply, roads, hiking trails, scenic easements, sewage disposal and similar matters be drawn up to be used by three subcommittees.

Under her plan, these subcommittees would be responsible for contacting all property owners within smaller geographical locations to secure additional information for the committee before the group turns the plan over to the county planning staff for tentative mapping.

About 150 property owners would be included in the survey. Mrs. Scardina emphasized that while the study group would not be accepting without question suggestions for zoning, it was a means for property owners to acquaint the committee with the land and with any plans the owner may have in mind.

Carmel High plans Bicentennial week

BY ANNAH LEE

Carmel High School will be conducting a Bicentennial Week from Jan. 26 through the 30th. During the week, three special guests will be featured, a time capsule will be buried, an Australian basketball team will challenge Carmel's team and a winter dance will conclude the festivities on Jan. 31.

March Fong Eu, California's Secretary of State, will appear on Tuesday, Jan. 27, to speak to the students and any interested members of the community. The assembly will begin at 1:45 in the school gymnasium.

Mrs. Eu was elected to her present position in November, 1974, becoming the first woman to be elected to this office in California's history. In fact, she was the first woman of Chinese descent to hold any constitutional office in this state.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, William Jacobs of San Jose will speak on what lies ahead for our country in the next 200 years. Professor Jacob's lecture will begin at 11:45 in the school gym.

A Sioux-Menominee Indian, George Woodard from San Jose, will speak on the concerns of the American Indians from 200 years ago to the present on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 11:45 in the gym.

Woodard has been actively involved with the American Indians. He is the organizer of the Sioux Club and a member of the American Indian Center in Montana. Because of his dedication to the Indian cause he is responsible for organizing Indian educators to rewrite the Indian history.

On Monday, Jan. 26, the Australian All-Stars will compete on campus in an exhibition game against Carmel's varsity and junior varsity basketball teams. A junior varsity game beginning at 6 p.m. will preceed the 7:30 p.m. varsity tipoff.

The All-Stars have been traveling throughout Canada and the United States and will be on the Peninsula for just this one game.

As a representation of America in 1976, a time capsule will be buried on Friday, Jan. 30, on an island in the high school's parking lot. Current books, magazines, fads and fashions and memorials of the Bicentennial will be placed in a large garbage can and buried. A ceremonial speech and music will accompany the burial.

Wrapping up the Bicentennial Week will be a semi-formal winter dance on Saturday, Jan. 30.

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Cypressaires elect

The Monterey Peninsula Cypressaires Barbershop Chorus has announced the election of Cyrus Fitton of Carmel as chapter president for 1976. Fitton served as president through 1975, which saw a 25 percent increase in membership of the local singing organization. Fitton was recently installed at a special Cypressaires dinner at Carmel's LaPlaya Hotel.

Joining Fitton as officers of the 1976 Cypressaires Chorus are: Dick McFarland, Pebble Beach, administrative vice-president; Eugene Smith, Salinas, program vice-president; Wright Carlson, Carmel, secretary; Victor Harber, Carmel Valley, treasurer. Chorus director is Ralph Shroeder of Aptos.

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Crocker now pays extra interest on most savings plans.

How can your savings earn more at Crocker than at another bank when both pay the same interest rates?

The difference is all in the compounding—the way interest is paid not only on your savings, but also on interest you've already earned. Most major California banks compound only four times a year, so your interest doesn't start earning more interest for up to 90 days.

Crocker now compounds interest daily on regular savings and on all accounts paying from 5½%* to 7½%**—so every day's interest starts earning more for you the very next day.

Crocker now pays interest monthly on most savings plans.

Crocker will now pay you your interest monthly on most savings plans.

So if you need more monthly income—to help with budgeting—we'll send you an interest check every month, or put it in your Crocker checking account. Or, of course, you can leave it in your savings and let it grow.

Crocker's first with a 5½% "Start-Up Account"—a new way to build toward even higher interest.

With our new "Start-Up Account," you set your savings goal—either $500 or $1,000—and reach it with equal monthly deposits over a 10-month period. Then you'll not only have that 5½% interest—best of all, you'll have the minimum deposit needed to move up to one of our even higher interest savings plans!

Crocker's first to put them all together in just one handy passbook.

It's our new Multi-posit Passbook.™ It conveniently handles up to 8 different savings plans—paying from 5% up to 7½%**

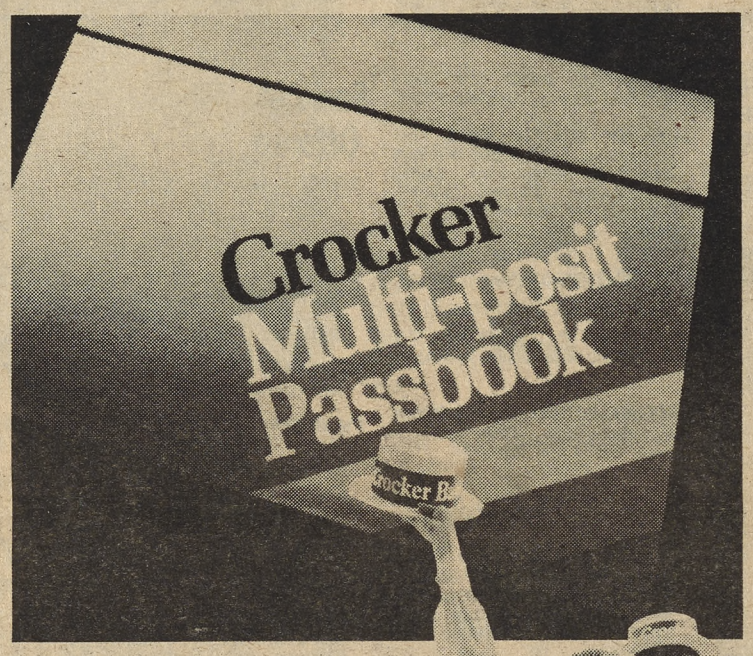
Wherever you're saving now, bring your old passbooks to any Crocker office. We'll help you put all your savings plans together in your own handy Multi-posit Passbook—the best-paying passbook of any major California bank!

Crocker offers Certificates of Deposit, too—with interest now compounded daily. And checking accounts free of service charges if you keep $2,000 or more in savings.

Crocker's changing banking.
Maybe you should change to Crocker.

*Minimum $500 deposit for 3 months.

**Minimum $1,000 deposit for 6 years.
Federal regulation requires interest rate reduction to 5%, plus forfeiture of 3 months interest, on any sum withdrawn from a time account before maturity. This could reduce the principal amount of your account if interest has been paid to you previously.



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